



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

January 2021

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

“We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.” - Martin Luther King Jr.



7 Neighborhoods held meetings in January!

	NEEDS	ACTIVITIES
Kennedy Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented at Neighborhoods Council Listening Session
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding ways to bolster participation in 2021 More inclusive outreach participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used Acts of Kindness Grant to jumpstart a campaign to help neighbors with food insecurity and payment of utility bills; want to raise \$6k Represented at Neighborhoods Council Listening Session
SOAR		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with City Planners on street resurfacing United Way Center to break ground in late Spring
Howard Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented at Neighborhoods Council Listening Session
Sunnymeade Neighborhood		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented at Neighborhoods Council Listening Session
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood park Restoration of warehouse on corner of Monroe and Carroll St 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed holiday cards, funded by Acts of Kindness grant Represented at Neighborhood Council Listening Session
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like support for revamping COVID outreach, especially for elderly residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminated 7-part series of virtual Conversation Circles on Race. January sessions were "Racial Reconciliation" and "Creating a Place Where All Belong..." Represented at NC Listening Session
Lincoln Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently having issues with getting their website set up A few residents have flooding issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking about putting a fund together for helping residents with funeral costs Represented at Neighborhoods Council Listening Session
Far NorthWest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next step is to sign a contract with the construction company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued progress on Meade St. development project Represented at NC Listening Session
Northeast Neighborhood Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying for Acts of Kindness Grant to help cover cost of new fridge and insulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about renovations of firehouse and NNRO plans for 2021-onwards Updating their fridge for food pantry https://www.wndu.com/2021/01/07/south-bend-food-pantry-doing-more-with-less/
River Park Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for Acts of Kindness Grant Applied for technical assistance grant from NRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed Holiday prizes for Holiday Houses

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood



Neighborhoods Council

There was a listening session on January 26th for members of Neighborhood Association leadership and other City partners to hear from Mayor Mueller about his ideas for the Neighborhoods Council. This session involved breakout sessions where participants got a more precise picture of what the Neighborhoods Council might actually entail - and how the forum can be used to make neighborhoods and the city stronger and better communicators.

post meeting survey link:

<https://forms.gle/YG5J5FXipM1X22R47>

Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.



Revolving Loan Fund

The City of South Bend has started a process to get loans out to small local businesses which have been negatively impacted by Covid-19. The program is being administered by the Department of Community Investment. The link for the pre-screening is below. If there are any questions questions can be sent to RLFrecovery@southbendin.gov.

www.southbendin.gov/RLFrecovery

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering N.A.s a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and livestream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

To apply, visit

<https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to Neighborhood Association meetings, per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Indiana Rental Assistance

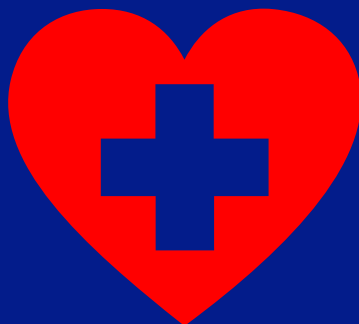


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance the City has information about possible rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions they can be sent to eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Where and How to get the Covid Vaccine

The Covid Vaccine is currently available to seniors over the age of 65. Besides the seniors First Responders and in person Health Care Professionals can schedule appointments to get the vaccine.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine you can find the link below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin unless it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826.



*Season's greetings
from all of us!*

With gratitude,
Alkeyna, Marty, Mike, Dominique, David,
Ryan, Alix, Courtney and Heaven

Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.